



Henry Joseph Morris Ashley

February 3, 1956 - June 14, 2026

Henry Joseph Morris Ashley, affectionately known as Joseph, was born on February 3, 1956, in Brooklyn, New York, to Curtis Ashley and Catherine Bostick. From an early age, Joseph distinguished himself through academic excellence, athletic talent, and a deep sense of community. He attended school in Brooklyn and was among the inaugural students at the New Catholic High School, where he excelled academically and participated in basketball, track, and the all-city choir. He also made his communion and confirmation at All Saints Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Following his graduation from high school, Joseph received multiple college basketball offers. Ultimately, he chose to begin his professional journey with Con Edison while continuing to play semi-professional basketball. His desire to serve others then led him to enlist in the United States Navy, where he proudly and honorably served his country. After completing his military service, Joseph began a long and dedicated career with the United States Postal Service, demonstrating loyalty, integrity, and an unwavering work ethic until his retirement. Joseph's life was shaped and strengthened by his spiritual journey. During one season of life, he practiced the Muslim faith and was known as "Yusuf." After moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2008, he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ under Bishop B.R. Spencer at the Tabernacle Worship Center. He was ordained as an elder and later became a chaplain, offering prayer, wisdom, and compassionate encouragement to countless individuals. Beyond his service and career, Joseph was a man of many passions. He loved movies,

sports, collecting memorabilia, and securing autographs from the many celebrities he encountered throughout his life. Known as “the voice,” Joseph was celebrated for his enthusiastic play-by-play commentary during the Marbury basketball tournaments in Coney Island. He also found great joy in studying and breaking down the Word of God. Above all, he will be remembered as the family jokester—someone whose humor, warmth, and uplifting spirit could brighten any room. Joseph leaves behind his devoted wife of 38 years, Cathy Ashley, whom he cherished deeply. He was a proud and loving father to his three daughters: Monique, Shaunte aka Barbie, and Princess; a caring father in law to Nelson; and a dedicated godfather to Latik, Rashawn, and Dereon. He was blessed with seven grandchildren—Briana, Frankie, Savannah, Mariyah, Kamoruh, Dakota, and Vance—and three great-grandchildren: Rudy, Ruby, and Houston, all of whom brought him immense joy. Joseph is also survived by his beloved big brother, Norman Ashley, and big sister, Deborah Ashley, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will miss him profoundly. He was preceded in death by his father, Curtis, his mother, Catherine, his brother Marvin, and his sisters Sherry and Catherine. Joseph lived a life marked by honor, commitment, faith, and service. His legacy of strength, laughter, compassion, and unwavering dedication will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23

Forever Loved. Forever Remembered. Forever Missed.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Today's Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

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